

## Traffic and Parking Management Plan

### Prior to Construction

- Ongoing communication and consultation with DOT, Brooklyn.<sup>1</sup>
- Ongoing work with Traffic Task Force established by Council Member Brad Lander.
- Consultation with traffic manager at Seattle Children's Hospital, which has been identified as having a model program for encouraging use of carpooling and public transportation.
- Consultation with John Jay Educational Campus principals to discuss impact of construction and operation of new building.
- Detailed transportation survey developed for NYM employees to gather information that will help the Hospital offer appropriate incentives for employee carpooling and use of public transportation.
- Employees have access to tax free MetroCards and railroad passes via WageWorks.
- Hospital HR Department has a relationship with 511NY Rideshare (formerly Commuterlink) to encourage carpooling and use of public transportation.

### Parking

- Additional evening parking to be made available for community members by changing signage on Sixth Street.<sup>2</sup>

### Traffic

- Hospital security guards are monitoring and, when necessary, directing traffic on Sixth Street and Seventh Avenue to reduce congestion.
- To reduce congestion on Seventh Street and increase patient safety, the Hospital has requested that DOT designate ambulance space(s) on Seventh Street to serve as an extension of 911 ambulance drop-off space on the ambulance deck. Hospital security guards would monitor this area to ensure that only ambulances utilize the designated spaces.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See attached email correspondence between Lyn Hill, vp for communication and external affairs at NYM and Chris Hrones, Downtown Brooklyn transportation coordinator, NYC DOT).

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

## **During Construction**

### *Parking*

- Construction workers will be required to park offsite or arrive via public transportation. Shuttle service will be provided to take the workers from offsite area/transportation hubs to the construction site. The contracts between Lend Lease and the subcontractors working on the site will include language that:
  1. Clearly states that parking in the area of the project is extremely limited and as a result, workers are prohibited from parking on the streets or in the NYM garage.
  2. Encourages the use of public transportation including accessibility to downtown Brooklyn for train connections and parking options.
  3. Identifies available parking garages/lots for workers who must travel by car including the preferred garage/lot where workers can be shuttled to/from the project.
- 79 NYM physicians who park in the current physician parking lot will be moved to NYM's parking garage.
- 150 NYM employees who park in the NYM garage will be relocated from the NYM parking garage to an offsite parking area. To date, two offsite parking areas have been identified (15<sup>th</sup> Street garage and Brooklyn Museum Parking Lot). Shuttle service will be provided to take employees from the offsite area(s) to the main Hospital.
- Incentives for public transportation and offsite parking will be offered to NYM employees..

### *Traffic*

- All construction activity and staging will take place on the project site, which will be secured with an eight-foot high fence and gates. These gates will be monitored by Lend Lease personnel or "dockmasters." Their responsibility is to ensure that vehicles safely enter and leave the site without disrupting traffic. On Sixth Street, and included within the fenced-in area, there will be one lane where construction vehicles can pull to the curb and not interfere with through traffic. Construction vehicles will not be permitted to double park at any time or "stage" in the immediate area.
- NYM security guards will continue to monitor and direct traffic on Sixth Street.

## **Building Operation**

### *Parking*

- The NYM staff relocated to offsite offices will not return.
- Incentives for public transportation and offsite parking will be continued.
- Offsite parking and shuttle service to continue.
- The new garage will provide sufficient capacity to meet the expected parking demand. No loss to the available on-street parking spaces is anticipated.

## *Traffic*

- Back office employees will not return, thereby permanently reducing the number of staff who would otherwise drive to the immediate Hospital neighborhood.
- There will be no ambulance trips to the new building. Ambulances serving existing Hospital facilities deliver patients to the ambulance deck, located on Seventh Street, off Seventh Avenue.
- The Sixth Street main entrance to the new building contains an on-site drop-off/pick-up area where eight to ten cars at one time can drop off or pick up patients. This area also provides access to the parking garage below. Many of the drop-offs that currently take place curbside will take place on-site, without impeding through-traffic in the area.
- The Sixth Street/Eighth Avenue entrance to the Center for Community Health will not be open to patients and visitors except during evening hours when the Urgent Care Center is operational. Therefore, there will be no incentive for cars to stop and let patients off at that corner.
- A conservative estimate puts the total daily truck traffic to the Fifth Street loading dock at 30 (small panel trucks or vans) deliveries per day. To avoid conflicts with arriving and departing students at the John Jay Educational Campus, no deliveries will be scheduled from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. or from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. during school days.
- Hospital security guards will continue to monitor and direct traffic on Sixth Street and will expand their monitoring and direction to the eastern portion of Sixth Street, (the area in front of and around the new building) to ensure that cars do not stop in the street in front of either entrance.
- Communication will continue with principals at John Jay Educational Campus to review traffic issues on Fifth Street.
- A review of actual traffic conditions after completion will be conducted to determine whether additional measures are necessary.

**From:** Hrones, Christopher [CHrones@dot.nyc.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 18, 2014 3:09 PM  
**To:** Lyn Hill  
**Cc:** Zinnel, Catherine (CZinnel@council.nyc.gov)  
**Subject:** Request from New York Methodist Hospital DOT223112-P6P4, DOT-223109-DOT5

Hello Lyn,

As you know, we have been studying these requests and at this point have a partial response. On Sixth Street we plan to install the following regulations on the south side of the block, from east (8<sup>th</sup> Ave) to west (7<sup>th</sup> ave):

- 234' of street cleaning regulations only to remain for visitors to park (no change)
- 236' of Ambulance/Ambulette ONLY (24 hour reg IFO main entrance)
- 240' of Ambulance/Ambulette 7am-7pm Monday to Friday west of entrance (to retain overnight parking)

The north curb will remain as is – primarily No Standing 7am-7pm Monday to Friday- as it is valuable for visitor/patient pick-up and drop-off space. You have informed us that the metal gates were moved from the north side curb lane and we would ask that you refrain from re-introducing this strategy and ask for NYPD assistance if there are issues with illegal parking on Sixth Street. The Ambulance/Ambulette ONLY signage is new for us and legally prohibits parking by any other type of vehicles, including those with placards. However, it may take some time for motorists and NYPD to adapt to this new reality. The Hospital may thus need to be proactive in communicating the change.

Regarding 7<sup>th</sup> Street, we are not proposing changes at this time but as I have previously communicated, we will look forward to receiving your data on emergency room ambulance arrivals and are committed to resolving the issues you raise in a way that balances community concerns about parking loss.

Best,  
Chris

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**From:** Lyn Hill [mailto:lyh9001@nyp.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2014 11:03 AM  
**To:** Hrones, Christopher  
**Cc:** Zinnel, Catherine  
**Subject:** Request from New York Methodist Hospital  
Dear Mr. Hrones:

New York Methodist Hospital would appreciate it if the DOT would consider the following requests:

1. Remove public parking spaces from the north side of Seventh Street, above Seventh Avenue up to the New York Methodist Hospital entrance to the ambulance ramp that leads to the ambulance deck. Instead, put up signage designating these spaces "Parking for Ambulances only."  
Currently, we frequently have more ambulances bringing patients to the Emergency Room at one time than we are able to accommodate on the ambulance deck. The ambulances are forced to line up in the traffic lane behind the ramp and patients are frequently removed from the ambulances in the middle of the street and brought into the Emergency Room from there on stretchers. This creates congestion on Seventh Street and significant safety issues for the drivers and their patients. Allowing the ambulances to line up in the parking lane behind the ambulance ramp will reduce congestion and increase safety.
2. Replace the signage on the south side of Sixth Street, above Seventh Avenue up to the Hospital's Miner Pavilion with signs that read "Parking for Ambulances and Ambulettes Only." Currently, the signage reads "No Standing except authorized vehicles" and this has lead to the spaces frequently being occupied by vehicles with "handicapped" license plates instead of the ambulances and ambulettes for which they were intended.  
While all of these spaces are needed for ambulances and ambulettes during the day, there is reduced need for them in the evenings and weekends. Therefore, and as a means of partially compensating for the spaces that will be lost to the public on Seventh Street, we would be willing to have **half** of the new "Parking for Ambulances and Ambulettes Only" signs on Sixth Street restricted to 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday through Friday, so that the public could use these spaces for parking 7 p.m.-7 a.m. Monday through Friday and on weekends.

Thank you very much.  
Lyn

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